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Louisiana Livestock Slaughter

Commercial red meat production in Louisiana during September totaled 500,000 pounds, up 25 percent from last month but the same as the previous year.

There were 500 head of **cattle** slaughtered during September, up 100 head from the previous month but 100 head below the previous month. Average live weight was 749 pounds, down 35 pounds from the previous month but 16 pounds above September 2009. Total live weight, at 396,000 pounds, was 24 percent above the previous month but two percent below the previous year.

Calves slaughtered during September totaled 500 head, unchanged from the previous month and the previous year. Live weight averaged 548 pounds, up 23 pounds from the previous month and 11 pounds above September 2009. Total live weight, at 255,000 pounds, was up two percent from August but unchanged from the previous year.

The number of **hogs** slaughtered during September totaled 900 head, up 200 head from the previous month but down 200 head from the previous year. Average live weight was 191 pounds, up ten pounds from August and 12 pounds above the previous year. Total live weight was 169,000 pounds, up 36 percent from August but 12 percent below a year ago.

The number of **sheep** slaughtered during September was 300 head, down 200 head from August and 100 head below September 2009. Live weight averaged 70 pounds, up 14 pounds from the previous month and ten pounds above the previous year.

United States Livestock Slaughter

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.2 billion pounds in September, down two percent from the 4.3 billion pounds produced in September 2009.

September 2010 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays. **September 2009** contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays.

Beef production, at 2.3 billion pounds, was one percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.9 million head, up three percent from September 2009. The average live weight was down 21 pounds from the previous year, at 1,289 pounds.

Veal production totaled 11.3 million pounds, four percent below September a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 71,200 head, down 12 percent from September 2009. The average live weight was up 28 pounds from last year, at 273 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.9 billion pounds, down six percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.3 million head, down six percent from September 2009. The average live weight was unchanged from the previous year, at 270 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 13.1 million pounds, was down 12 percent from September 2009. Sheep slaughter totaled 204,000 head, nine percent below last year. The average live weight was 129 pounds, down one pound from September a year ago.

January to September 2010 commercial red meat production was 36.1 billion pounds, down two percent from 2009. Accumulated beef production was up slightly from last year, veal was down one percent; pork was down four percent from last year; and lamb and mutton production was down four percent.

Commercial Livestock Slaughter and Meat Production

Item	Louisiana					United States			
	August	September		January - September		September		January - September	
	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
-----Number, thousand head-----									
Cattle	0.4	0.6	0.5	5.6	4.0	2,814.7	2,898.2	25,097.3	25,604.9
Calves	0.5	0.5	0.5	3.2	4.0	81.3	71.2	687.3	656.7
Hogs	0.7	1.1	0.9	9.3	8.2	9,939.8	9,344.9	84,003.3	80,627.6
Sheep & Lambs	0.5	0.4	0.3	3.3	2.9	225.2	204.0	1,842.4	1,818.0
-----Total live weight, thousand pounds-----									
Cattle	320	406	396	4,093	3,128	3,676,850	3,723,564	32,271,778	32,460,291
Calves	250	255	255	1,608	2,157	19,678	19,199	171,222	168,669
Hogs	124	191	169	1,836	1,571	2,679,933	2,524,527	22,694,545	21,798,082
Sheep & Lambs	30	27	24	213	201	29,341	26,200	252,221	242,930
-----Average live weight, pounds-----									
Cattle	784	733	749	731	782	1,310	1,289	1,290	1,272
Calves	525	537	548	503	539	245	273	252	260
Hogs	181	179	191	197	192	270	270	270	271
Sheep & Lambs	56	60	70	65	69	130	129	137	134
-----Million pounds-----									
Red Meat	0.4	0.5	0.5	4.8	4.3	4,262.7	4,160.5	36,769.8	36,100.5

Prices Received Index Advanced 12 Points

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in October, at 160 percent, based on 1990-1992=100, increased 12 points from September. The Crop Index was up 17 points but the Livestock Index decreased one point. Producers received higher prices for corn, soybeans, eggs and milk and lower prices for hogs, broilers, cattle and potatoes. In addition to prices, the overall index was also affected by the seasonal change based on a three-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased monthly marketings of soybeans, corn, grain sorghum and cotton offset decreased marketings of wheat, milk, sweet corn and grapes.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index was up 26 points from October 2009. The Food Commodities Index, at 154, increased seven points from last month and increased 21 points from October 2009.

Prices Paid Index Up 2 Points

The October Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes and Farm Wage Rates was 185 percent of the 1990-1992 average. The index was up two points from September and eight points above October 2009. Higher prices in October for feed grains, supplements, complete feeds and diesel more than offset lower prices for concentrates, other services, feeder cattle and feeder pigs.

Average Prices Received By Farmers

Item	Louisiana			United States		
	Entire Month		Preliminary	Entire Month		Preliminary
	October 2009	September 2010	October 2010 ¹	October 2009	September 2010	October 2010 ¹
	Dollars			Dollars		
Soybeans, per bushel	9.51	10.10	11.10	9.43	9.98	10.70
Sorghum, per cwt	5.50	7.76	2/	5.54	7.26	8.47
Rice, per cwt	12.60	10.40	10.60	14.30	10.80	11.80
Upland Cotton, per pound	.609	.740	.726 ³	.585	.747	.752 ³
Hay, all, baled, per ton	n/a	n/a	n/a	105.00	111.00	113.00
Beef Cattle, per cwt ⁴	53.50	65.50	61.70	79.20	94.20	92.40
Steers & Heifers, per cwt	77.20	91.50	88.40	84.40	99.30	97.90
Cows, per cwt ⁵	39.60	50.20	46.00	43.60	55.40	53.00
Calves, per cwt	89.70	103.00	97.00	103.00	117.00	118.00
Broilers, live, per pound	n/a	n/a	n/a	.400	.490	.470
Eggs, All, per dozen	n/a	n/a	n/a	.800	.636	.813
Milk, All, per cwt ⁶	n/a	n/a	n/a	14.30	17.70	18.30

¹ Mid-month.

² Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms.

³ Preliminary prices are based on sales during the first half of the month.

⁴ "Cows" and "steers and heifers" combined.

⁵ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.

⁶ Before deductions for hauling and government withholdings. Includes bulk tank, quantity and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.

n/a = Not Available.

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